

# BY THE LORD DEPUTIE AND COUNCELL.

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Whereas for prevention of such disorders, ryots and rebellions within this Realme, as might grow by loose and dissolaple people, having meanes to arme themselves, to doe mischief against his Maiestie and the Common wealth, diuers Proclamations haue bene heretofore published by the late Lo: Deputies and Councell of this Kingdome, commanding that no Master or owner of any Ship, Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other Trademan, nor any other person or persons whatsoever, denizen or stranger, should bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome or any part thereof, without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from the Lord Deputy and Councell here, any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, Hand-guns, Pistols, or other Peeeces, Purcions, Head-peeces, Armoys, or any other furniture for the warres (Swords and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapier blades onely excepted) upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and upon paine of seysure and forfeiture of the same, wherof the one moitie to be to the use of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, and the other moitie to the use of such person or persons as should so discover and seise the same to his Maiesties use. And whereas being now againe informed that the said Proclamations haue of late bene little regarded, but that great quantities of Powder, Armes, and other warlike munition of all kindes haue bene daily brought into this Kingdome from foraine parts, and sale thereof made to all sorts of people, without respect of persons, so as many loose creatures, and idle persons of bad and lewd behaviour, being furnished and armed with powder, peeeces and other warlike weapons, doe not onely make great spoile and haunce of red and fallow Deere, and other game within the proper lands of sundrie Noblemen and Gentlemen of this Kingdome, but are thereby the rather emboldened to commit diuers insolent ryots, burglaries, robberies and murders, and many times to runne into open action of rebellion, to the great disturbance of the publike peace and trouble of the State and Common-wealth of this Kingdome: By meanes whereof, greater mischiefs and inconueniences may happen in this Realme, if due care and circumspection bee not speedily had for preventing the same. And although after so many warnings giuen, wee may iustly call such persons to account as haue offended against the said Proclamations, by imposing the utmost penaltie that by the Tenor of the same might be inflicted upon them for their wilfull contempt against his Maiestie and the State in that behalfe: Yet hoping that by the renewing of the said former Proclamations once more, the same will from henceforth be more strictly observed and kept then heretofore it hath bene, Wee therefore doe againe in the name of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, declare, publish, and command, That no Master or owner of any Ship or Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other Trademan, nor any other person or persons whatsoever, denizen or stranger, shall from henceforth bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome, or any part thereof, (without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from the Lord Deputy and Councell of this Kingdome) any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, Hand-guns, Pistols, or other Peeeces, Purcions, Head-peeces, Armoys, or other furniture for the warres (Swords and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapier blades onely excepted) upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and upon paine of seysure and forfeiture of the same, wherof the one moitie shall be to the use of the Kings Maiestie, and the other halfe of the other moitie to be for the Officer of his Maiesties Store, where the same be seised, and the other moitie and halfe of the aforesaid moitie, to be giuen to him who shall discover and seise the same, or the value thereof, according to his Maiesties rates. And Wee doe further in his Maiesties name declare and publish, That if any merchant, factor, or Trademan, or any other person or persons within this Realme, now haue or at any time hereafter shall happen to haue any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, hand-guns, or other Peeeces, Purcions, head-peeces, Armoys, or other abilliments of warre (Swords and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapier blades excepted) in his or their hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same or any part thereof to any person or persons, that then such merchant, factor, or other person or persons, within one moneth after the date of this Proclamation, or within one moneth after the said powder or munition, shall come to his or their hands shall upon paine of seysure, and forfeiture thereof, and upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, bring or cause to be brought all such powder, and other munition, into one of his Maiesties Stores of Ordnance and munition, whereupon Wee the Lord Deputy and Councell shall from time to time take order, and provide that the Officers of his Maiesties Ordnance and munition shall receive the same, and the Owner or Owners thereof immediately upon the deliuerie thereof into his Maiesties Store, be fully satisfied and payed for the same, at such rates and prices, as the Master of the Ordnance hath usually issued the same. Provided alwaies that it shall and may be lawfull to and for euery Citie or Towne corporate within this Realme, to retaine and keepe within their seuerall Stores, such powder or munition for the necessarie defence of the said Citie and Towne corporate, so as the said corporations doe within fortie dayes after the date hereof, certifie vs the Lord Deputy and Councell, what quantity or quantities of powder or other munition they and euerie of them haue now in their Stores, and so as they nor any of them doe not issue the same nor any part thereof by way of sale. And Wee doe further declare and publish, That if any Nobelman, Gentleman, or person of honest and good behaviour, or if any Citie or Corporation, or any Owner or Master of Barque or Ship going to Sea, shall haue occasion to vse any reasonable quantity of powder, or any muskets, Calliwers, or other furniture of warre, That euery such person and persons, and euery such Citie, Towne or corporation, shall from time to time, by the warrant of the Lord Deputy, or by the warrant of the seuerall Presidents of the Countie of Munster and Connaught, or of other Commanders or gouernors within their seuerall commands, furnished and supplied of any such competent quantity of powder or munition as he or they shall deliue to vse, at such reasonable and easie rates as his Maiestie doth usually issue the same to his Armie within this land. And Wee doe hereby perpepetually charge and command all and euery gouernor and gouernors, Barons, Soveraignes, Postresses, Baplisshes, Constables, and all Iustices, Searchers, and Conuellers, within all and euery the Ports, Hauens and Creekes of this Realme, and all other his Maiesties Officers and ministers to whom it may appertaine, That they and euerie of them doe from time to time vse and imploy their best diligence and endeuours to discover and seise to his Maiesties use as aforesaid, such quantities of powder, muskets, Calliwers, hand-guns, Peeeces, and other munition and furniture of warre, as shall be brought into this Kingdome or any part thereof, to be sold to any person or persons, or which any merchant, factor, or other person or persons shall detayne and keepe in his hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same, contrarie to the purport of this Proclamation, And that herein they faile not to persequue their duties, as they will answer the contrarie at their perils. Provided alwaies, that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons whatsoever, wearing any Irish mantle or Trowles, to vse, carrie or keepe any musket, Calliwer, hand-gun, Pistoll, or other Peece or Peeeces, nor to haue or vse any gun-powder, nor to weare, carrie or keepe any munition, head peece, Swodes, Rapiers, Skermes, or any other armes whatsoever inuallie of defence, upon paine to forfeit the same to his Maiestie. And that it shall be lawfull for euery Nobelman, Gentleman, or other person of honest and good behaviour, conforming him or themselves unto the English fashion of apparell, to seise and take away the same, and the same so seised and taken away, to carrie to the next Iustice of the peace, to the intent the same may be deliuered into his Maiesties next Magazin or Store-house of the munition and armoure in those parts, or to such person or persons as shall haue oversight or command of the same. And whereas many times heretofore instructions haue bene giuen, aswell to the Lords Presidents in the seuerall Provinces, as to the Iustices of Assize in their seuerall circuits and sessions, for abolishing the vse of Irish apparell, and the reducing of all men to vse a ciuill and comely attire, according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome: Yet although they haue (according to the said instructions) endeouored to take away the barbarous custome of wearing Pantles, Trowles, Skermes, and such like vnciuill and vncomely apparell, Wee see notwithstanding, the vse of them rather increased then any waies reformed or abated, euen to this day, to the great contempt of authoritie, and the disgrace of this Kingdome among other ciuill nations. For reformation whereof, Wee haue thought fit hereby once more to giue all men notice, and as his Maiestie hath often recommended the care of the rebelling of the said barbarous custome unto vs, and abolishing the vse of such vnseemely apparell, so now Wee intend to inflict the utmost penaltie of law upon such as from and after the time hereby prescribed shall presume either to weare the said barbarous attire, or to suffer any within their family or rule to weare and vse the same, contrarie to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome, And doe therefore hereby straightly charge and command, That from and after the first day of August next no Man doe weare any Pantle, Trowles, or long Skermes, nor doe suffer any to be woyn by any within his family, gouernement or rule but by the time aforesaid doe attire themselves, their children, seruants, and followers in such comely manner as the ciuill subjects of this Kingdome now vse to doe: In default whereof, they are to expect no fauour, but to be proceeded against for their wilfull and obstinate contempt in the seuerest maner that by the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome may be taken against them, and besides such other punishments to be inflicted upon them, as the Law doth impose. Wee hereby charge and command, That no person which from and after the time aforesaid, shall weare or vse any Irish apparell or weapon shall presume to come, nor shall be admitted to haue access or audience to or at the Councell table, or in any Court of Iustice in this Kingdome, nor before any Iudge or Magistrate, upon any matter or cause of priuate complaint whatsoever. And Wee doe likewise hereby straightly command all Sheriffes, Irouosts, marshalls, and other Officers, that as they shall finde any man that after the said day shall weare any such long Skerne, to take the same and breake them, And such men as they shall finde wearing of Pantles or Trowles out of their owne houses, to take the same from them, and before their faces to cut them into peeeces, that they neuer be woyn againe. Of the execution whereof, Wee require the said Sheriffes and Irouosts-marshalls, and other his Maiesties Officers, to be verie carefull, as they will answer the contrarie and their neglect or remission thereof. Provided alwaies, that it shall and may be lawfull to or for any person or persons to vse or weare any Pantle within his or their houses, notwithstanding any thing in this Proclamation, to the contrarie. Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the 25. of Iune, 1625.

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